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**From:** Jessica Wickham <jessicaw@vizellamedia.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2022 12:00 PM  
**To:** Dominick Recckio  
**Subject:** Re: Trumansburg Column Mentioning Reimagining Public Safety

Dominick,

Thank you again for bringing this to my attention. I sincerely prioritize accuracy at Tompkins Weekly, so please don't hesitate to reach out again should you notice anything. I look forward to continued cooperation with you and others at county administration.

Best,  
Jessica

On Thu, Aug 4, 2022 at 11:56 AM Dominick Recckio <[drecckio@tompkins-co.org](mailto:drecckio@tompkins-co.org)> wrote:

Jessica,

I very much appreciate your efforts to help clear this up. I feel better about the information with this change.

You are so responsive and thoughtful, thank you for everything that you do!

Dominick

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Dominick,

Talking over this with the writer, she said that the mayor doesn't want the article changed. However, I recognize your point that that particular section isn't attributed to him directly, and what's more, it does seem to imply that the Reimagining process is the only cause of IPD's officer shortage. Based on what you provided plus some additional research on my part, the situation does indeed seem to be more complex than that, with Reimagining at most being one factor contributing to the problem rather than the sole cause. So, I've made a small change that I hope addresses Rordan's desire to have his quotes go unaltered while also addressing your concerns regarding that section of the article. If you check out this [link](#), you'll notice I changed the part about Reimagining restrictions to simply read "IPD's current officer shortage." Let me know if this is a sufficient enough change to properly address your concerns.

Best,  
Jessica

On Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 11:24 AM Dominick Recckio <[drecckio@tompkins-co.org](mailto:drecckio@tompkins-co.org)> wrote:

Thank you, Jessica!

Dominick

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Dominick,

Thanks for bringing this to my attention. I'll talk about your concerns with the author, since I actually had to go back and forth with her on that particular section to make sure that that's what the mayor asserted. In my coverage, I haven't touched much on the cooperation between departments, so I appreciate you providing some insight on this. Listening to the sections of the recording from last night, it definitely seems like the officer shortage is more complex than that article section purports, so I'll bring this up with the author to see what sort of solution we can come to. Because it is what her source, the mayor, said, I don't want to change it without consulting her first. Once again, thanks for bringing this up, and I'll get back in touch once I discuss it with the author. I appreciate your patience and understanding.

Best,

Jessica

On Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 10:22 AM Dominick Recckio <[drecckio@tompkins-co.org](mailto:drecckio@tompkins-co.org)> wrote:

Hi Jessica,

Thanks for your work on so many important stories lately, especially this week's cover story. Our County staff really likes working with you and answering your questions.

I want to again share concern though on the column that mentions Reimagining Public Safety this week. In it, Mayor Hart makes some pretty bold assertions, backed up by the columnist, "The limitations imposed on IPD as a result of the Reimagining initiative means that rather than county departments being able to call on IPD for further assistance, they may instead be called in to assist with IPD matters."

There are no current limitations on IPD due to Reimagining. Any limitations may be from staffing issues, but asserting that it's because of Reimagining is something that is further undermining our work. There was similar discussion last night at the Legislature meeting, I'd like to draw your attention and your columnist's attention to that discussion and perhaps other perspectives that they may not have considered: ([49:40-1:05:20](#), specifically Travis Brooks' [comments at 59:53](#))

Thanks as always for listening,

Dominick

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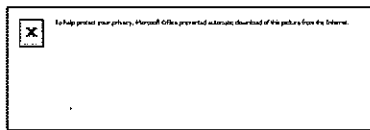
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